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(54) Title: METHODS FOR DECREASING BETA AMYLOID PROTEIN (57) Abstract Blood cholesterol levels are correlated with production of amyloid β protein ((A) β), and are predictors of populations at risk of developing AD. Methods for lowering blood cholesterol levels can be used to decrease production of A β , thereby decreasing the risk of developing AD. The same methods and compositions can also be used for treating individuals diagnosed with AD. Methods include administration of compounds which increase uptake of cholesterol by the liver, such as the administration of HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, administration of compounds which block endogenous cholesterol production, such as the administration of HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, administration of compositions which prevent uptake of dietary cholesterol, and administration of combinations of any of these which are effective to lower blood cholesterol levels. Methods have also been developed to predict populations at risk, based on the role of cholesterol in production of A β . For example, individuals with Apo E4 and high cholesterol, defined as a blood cholesterol level of greater than 200 mg/dl, post menopausal women with high cholesterol levels – especially those who are not taking estrogen, or individuals with high blood cholesterol levels who are not obese are all at risk of developing AD if blood cholesterol levels are not decreased.		

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1(part.), 2, 3, 5(part.), 7-13(all part.), 14-22, 23(part.), 24, 25, 27(part.)
2. Claims: 1(part.), 4, 7-13(all part.), 23(part.), 26, 29(part.)
3. Claims: 1(part.), 5(part.), 7-13(all part.), 23(part.), 27(part.), 28
4. Claims: 1(part.), 6, 7-13(all part.), 23(part.), 29(part.)
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Continuation of Box 3.

Although claims 1-13 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Further defect(s) under Article 17(2)(a):

Continuation of Box 3.

Present claims 1,2,23,24 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "compound which decreases blood cholesterol levels" or "HMG CoA reductase inhibitor". The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a pharmacological profile or mode of action. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds structurally identified in claims 3 and 25 and the general idea underlying the application.

Claims searched completely: 3,14-22,25

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